

Ryan to believe that it has been 11 years since he first began working with HRC Orlando, he remains as passionate as ever for equality for all.

Diana Iwanski used to say, "Thank you for signing up and showing up" when he would volunteer for an event, and Ryan thinks that is extremely important—getting out into your community and getting involved. Whether working with a community organization or getting out there and protesting, doing something worthwhile in your community is extremely important, especially in this political climate.

RECOGNIZING CLARA BREWER

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize Ms. Clara Brewer, a long-time resident of Southwest Detroit in Michigan's 13th District Strong, on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

For more than 70 years, Ms. Brewer has been a cornerstone of not only her family, but her neighborhood-family. She has lived in her home she and her husband bought as newlyweds since 1945. She and her family have grown with our community, and she has without question been a community anchor. Ms. Brewer has remained steadfast in her spiritual faith and in her love for her family, which includes multiple generations in southeastern Michigan. I pray that she continues to shine brightly in our community and be surrounded by the love of her family members near and far.

As the Brewer Family meets for their annual family reunion, please join me in wishing Clara Brewer a happy 100th birthday.

HONORING NANCY GOLDBERG

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Nancy Goldberg upon her retirement as Board President of the Rhoda Goldman Plaza assisted living facility in San Francisco and more than 50 years of nonprofit service.

As Board President, Nancy has steered Rhoda Goldman Plaza through a difficult three years, demonstrating impeccable leadership and ingenuity as assisted living facilities throughout the country navigated unprecedented challenges and worked to establish a new normal related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The residents and staff fared relatively well through this trying time under the guidance of strong management. This work caps off half a century of advocacy on behalf of the Jewish community and tireless efforts to combat human trafficking and domestic violence.

Nancy has served on numerous boards throughout her prolific career, including as a member of the American Jewish Congress, President of the Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco, and Chair of the Jewish Public Affairs Committee of California.

For her outstanding leadership and advocacy on behalf of the Jewish community in California, the Jewish Community Relations Council awarded her both the Earl Raab Award in 2009 and Tom Lantos Memorial Humanitarian Award in 2011 in conjunction with her husband, the late Larry Goldberg.

Dedicating years to fighting human trafficking, Nancy is Co-founder of the Jewish Coalition to End Human Trafficking and Co-founder and first Co-chair of the San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking (SFCaHT), coordinated by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). For this transformative work she earned the SFCaHT's Inspiring Leadership Award in 2019 and NCJW's Hannah G. Solomon Award in 2014. Although she is retiring as President from Rhoda Goldman Plaza, her volunteer pursuits are ongoing.

Nancy's contributions to improving the quality of life for countless individuals throughout the region through public service and philanthropy has been, and will continue to be, productive and enduring. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Nancy for her enduring commitment to public service and extending best wishes for years to come.

HONORING RENEE BISHOP AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Renee Bishop is 43 years old and shares her life with an amazing woman, Rebecca, and daughters Sutton and Piper. She has had the honor of serving and protecting the community and citizens of Orlando for 22 years. As a firefighter/engineer for the Orlando Fire Department, Renee has seen the city go through wonderful changes.

Growing up as the oldest of four with two brothers and a sister, all siblings were very familiar with the fire department as her father worked for the Orlando Fire Department for 30 years and one of her brothers chose this career as well.

Renee and her father were the first father/daughter combo hired at Orlando and a couple of years later, she and her brother were the first brother/sister combo for Orlando. Being a native of Orlando and being a gay female, she has watched the city grow and come to have one of the biggest LGBTQ communities around. Renee is grateful for the political leaders the city has and the dedication they give. Creating opportunities without prejudice has helped the city come so far and she believes it is an amazing transition to watch. The ongoing research and desire to make the community safe and accepting for all people is what Renee and Rebecca love about raising their girls in Orlando.

She feels forever fortunate to not only live in Orlando and the state of Florida but to also serve her community and be there to help when needed the most. First responders are often on the front line when tragedy strikes, and Renee has witnessed various organiza-

tions within the community rally together and stand as one when evil strikes. Orlando has such a diverse population and a multitude of different belief structures, but when it is time to stand together, they do it on a scale that is second to none. Renee believes this is because of the leaders.

HONORING ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. BARR. Madam Speaker, I rise to today to honor St. John's Episcopal Church in Versailles, Kentucky, on their 175th anniversary.

The church was officially established on June 29, 1847, under the leadership of Reverend John N. Norton and Mr. John Amsden. The current church building was consecrated on May 28, 1885. In 1930, the parish house and the chapel, gifts from Senator Johnson Camden and family, were consecrated. The church has been visited by important dignitaries including Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II of England in 1986 and President George Herbert Walker Bush, who worshipped unannounced at St. John's in 1989.

As the congregation gathers to celebrate the 175th anniversary, I recognize the impact that this congregation has made on the Versailles community over the years. The church has reached thousands of people with material needs and spiritual sustenance.

I congratulate the Reverend Dana Lockhart and all the members of St. John's Episcopal Church in Versailles on their 175th anniversary and wish them many more years of successful ministry, serving God and reaching out to the community.

RECOGNIZING GOWANUS CANAL REMEDIAL ACTION ENFORCEMENT TEAM

HON. NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the outstanding achievements of Gowanus Canal Remedial Action Enforcement Team at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Region 2 office. Their outstanding efforts at the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site ensured that potentially responsible parties (PRPs) completed the main phase of full-scale dredging in the upper third of the Canal, the first of three phases.

The heavily contaminated urban waterway, a 1.8-mile-long canal in Brooklyn, NY dating from the 1800s, has been contaminated by industrial pollution and combined sewer overflows (CSOs) for over a century. The Site was listed on the National Priorities List in 2010. Since listing, EPA staff assigned to the project include Christos Tsiamis, Remedial Project Manager, Brian Carr, Assistant Regional Counsel, and Natalie Loney, Community Involvement Coordinator. Together, they managed this large complex project in a thorough

and timely manner from feasibility study through remedy selection in a 2013 Record of Decision and remedial design for full-scale dredging and capping with in-situ stabilization and installation of retention tanks to protect the dredged canal from recontamination from combined sewer overflows (CSOs).

The three superfund cleanup sites in New York City fall in my Congressional district and the Gowanus Canal is the furthest along and proceeding at a precedent-setting pace nationally. The Gowanus Canal Community Advisory Group is the largest and most engaged in the Country.

The Team managed enforcement with a disparate group of roughly three dozen PRPs including National Grid, the successor to the operator of coal gasification plants responsible for a significant amount of coal tar related contamination in the Canal, and the City of New York, which owns the canal and is responsible for the sewer infrastructure in the watershed. The City opposed to both the listing of the Gowanus Canal and the CSO portion of the remedy. This made community outreach and enforcement more critical and the EPA team's work in this area has been exceptional.

To achieve the timely start of dredging, Project Manager Christos Tsiamis and Regional Counsel Brian Carr worked tirelessly, issuing unilateral administrative orders in January 2020 to six PRPs, and coordinating with multiple contractors, city agencies, and legal and technical teams to achieve the remedial mobilization.

Dredging canal sediments contaminated with coal tar in this densely populated urban area posed challenges that were overcome through outstanding engineering and oversight by the team. Dredging began in November 2020, and the first phase called Remediation Target Area 1 (RTA1) was completed by mid-2021.

Mr. Tsiamis, Mr. Carr, and Ms. Loney, met regularly with the CAG, local businesses, and other stakeholders. Thanks to their efforts, the main phase of dredging was swiftly completed, setting a high bar for completion of the next two phases of dredging (RTA2 and RTA3). Although enforcement issues remain with respect to the City, obtaining its commitment for this work was a major enforcement accomplishment, a result that the team worked tirelessly and effectively to achieve. For their outstanding work, I would like to recognize EPA Region 2's Gowanus remedial action team: Project Manager Christos Tsiamis, Assistant Regional Counsel Brian Carr, and Community Involvement Coordinator Natalie Loney.

HONORING PASTOR JOSÉ NIEVES
AS A DISTINGUISHED LEADER IN
CENTRAL FLORIDA FOR PRIDE
MONTH

HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, Pastor José Nieves is a native of Bayamón, Puerto Rico. He graduated from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, and earned his master's degree in divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary in Orlando, Florida.

He is ordained as a full elder in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church.

For over 10 years, he has been at the service of the Kissimmee area at Casa de Paz UMC and First Kissimmee UMC. Pastor José has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Osceola School District for his services to local schools, including the All Pro Dad and iMOM programs.

He continues to find new ways to strengthen the community. Pastor José is married to Libby and has three handsome boys: Ely, Lucas, and Daniel. During his time off, José enjoys everything basketball related, including coaching and rooting for the Orlando Magic. Go Magic.

HONORING GARY RAGGHianti

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. HUFFMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the significant career and accomplishments of Gary T. Ragghianti, the 2020 recipient of the Marin County Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

A Marin County resident since 1948, Gary has dedicated his professional career to public service and the law. He graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 1968 and began trying cases in the Marin County District Attorney's Office in 1969. In 1971, Gary joined the private firm of Conn, Breiner, Birkie & Ragghianti, which became Ragghianti Freitas in 2004. Over the course of his half-century-long career, he has served as the city attorney for San Rafael, Belvedere, Tiburon, and Corte Madera, and spent decades as counsel for other public entities in Marin County.

Gary has served on numerous boards throughout his prolific career, including as President of the San Rafael Public Library Foundation Board of Directors and Vice President of the Marin County History Museum Board of Directors. He is also a two-time member of the Board of Directors of Alternate Defenders, Inc., a nonprofit which provides free legal representation to indigent defendants in Marin County.

Over the course of his illustrious career, Gary has appeared twice before the United States Supreme Court. On the first occasion, he argued on behalf of the City of Tiburon at the age of 35. Then, 30 years later, he appeared again for a federal habeas corpus case, further cementing his reputation as a lawyer who can excel at the highest levels.

Gary's commitment to the legal profession and local government in the County of Marin has been, and will continue to be, productive and enduring. Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join me in expressing gratitude to Gary for his commitment to public service and the law, and extending heartfelt congratulations on his reception of the Marin County Bar Association's Lifetime Achievement Award.

IN CELEBRATION OF JUNE AS
NATIONAL PRIDE MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Mr. DANNY K. DAVIS of Illinois. Madam Speaker, during this month of June, I would like to take the time to recognize Pride Month. Pride is a time to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to our families, communities, and society at large. Pride is an opportunity for Americans to take pride in who we are without fear of discrimination and to stand in solidarity for equality and against hate. As we celebrate, it is imperative that we also recognize that, while our nation has made important progress with respect to LGBTQ+ rights, much work remains to be done.

I am proud to have helped advance statutory improvements to support LGBTQ+ rights during this Congress. We enacted the Jabara-Heyer NO HATE Act that combats hate crimes including crimes motivated by sexual orientation or gender identity. In addition, the law allocates money and resources to collect data on and to support victims of hate crimes. We also designated the Pulse Nightclub as a National Memorial in remembrance of those who lost their lives during the Pulse Nightclub shooting in 2019. Further, I'm proud that the People's House championed equality and opposed hate by passing the Equality Act that would afford LGBTQ+ Americans the critical protections under the Civil Rights Act as well as the Global Respect Act to deny visas to perpetrators of human rights abuses against LGBTQ individuals. The Equality Act is a landmark piece of legislation that eliminates discrimination in every major aspect of life, including education, housing, and federal funding programs that have historically excluded members of the LGBTQ+ community. The Senate should act quickly to pass these important bills to protect LGBTQ individuals in our country and internationally.

As the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Worker and Family Support with jurisdiction over child welfare, I am committed to protecting foster youth and foster parents from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity. I worked with my late friend and colleague, John Lewis, to investigate the inappropriate waivers of nondiscrimination rules granted during the Trump Administration that promoted discrimination against foster youth and prospective foster parents. A critical step to protecting foster youth is enacting my legislation—the John Lewis Every Child Deserves a Family Act—that would prohibit any entity that receives federal child welfare funds from discriminating against children, youth, families of origin, kin, or prospective adoptive or foster parents based on religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status. Unfortunately, LGBTQ+ youth are overrepresented in the foster care system. An estimated one in three foster youth identify as LGBTQ+, and they are more likely to experience poor treatment, discrimination, or violence while in care. This bill helps increase the number of supportive, loving, and permanent homes for foster youth.

I am troubled by the recent wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation that threatens the safety, health, and equal rights of LGBTQ+ individuals, policies that restrict access to healthcare